WILMINGTON, N. C., FRIDAY, JULY 21, 1871,

WE HAVE seen but little comment upon the extraordinary nature of Grant's recent pardon of Bowen, the loyal Congressional Bigamist. The pardon upon any pretext was bad enough, and suggestive of a gross moral obliquity upon the part of Ulysses, though we have never heard him accessed of special saintliness. But the grounds, or the main grounds upon which be bases it. are simply infamous, viz: that "it appeared that he rendered good service to the cause of the Union during the rebel lion and since its termination !" The latter inducement was, doubtless, the most po tential, or it would not have been superadded. We knew before that Radicalism was a cloak for much and great rascality, but it is a sad thing, it is a national scandal, it is an official crime, that the Chief Magistrate of the country should proclaim that felony is condoned and expiated by party services-for that, after all, is the true meaning of the sentence quoted above! It presents an encouragement to crime for which its author, in better days, would have received a storm of execration from one end of the country to the other. It is virtually saying that murder, arson, bigamy and the whole catalogue of crimes, are venial when offset by the virtue of loyalty or graced by the crown of Badicalism! And this from the foremost man of the party of "moral ideas," and the President of "the best government the world ever

Jno. Pool, the "American Senator," and Edwin G. Reade, Justice of the Suendorses the counsel, by declaring "loyalty " the salve for every sin and the sav--Radicalism.

Convention.

The election is on the first Thursday in August. The judges or inspectors of election must count the ballots, and make out a correct statement under their hands. which must be sealed up and returned to the commissioners of their respective counties by 12 o'clock on Saturday after the election. The counties of Carteret, Dare and Hyde are allowed until Tuesday after the election to make their returns.

The commissioners of any two of them in the presence of five citizens, can compare the returns at the Court House, making duplicate statements of the returns, sworn to before some person authorized to administer oaths.

The Register of Deeds for each county 10th day of August, 1871, to the office of the Attorney General, one of the certified statements, and give to the persons elected a certificate of election. If there should be no Register of Deeds the Commissioners can appoint one.

We call special attention to section 6 of the Convention Act, as follows:

N.c. 6. That the inspectors of election mentimed in Section 1st of this act, shall be appoint ed by the commissioners of each county respectiv-iy, at a mee ing t be hald on the let Monday in June, 1871, or as soon thereafter as practicatime appoint a registrar of voters for each voting procise or township, whose duty it shall be to revise the existing registration books of his pre cinct or township, in such manner that said books suall show an accurate list of all electors previously registered in such precinct or township, still residing therein, without requiring such electors to be registered anew; and such pointment, up to, and on the day of election aforesaid, keep open said books, and shall be at the polls on said day, with said books for the registration of any electors residing in such precioct or township, and en itled to registration. wh se names have never been registered in such precinct or township, or do not appear in the revised list; no certificates of registration shall be given, and no elector shall be entitled to register or to vote in any other precinct or township fide resident on the day of el ction. Any per son offering to vote, although his name may be township, before the ballot is received.

Holden and Vance.

The Washington correspondent of the Baltimore Gazette, under date of the 17th instant, says:

Freinds of the impeached and self-banished ex-Governor Holden, of North Carolina, assert with U. S. Senator-elect Vance and his friends in that State, whereby it is agreed that Holden shall go back to his home in North Carolina a promise from Radical Senators, who heretofore opposed Vance taking his seat in the Senate, to

ments find their way into the public prints. ity of this question. May not one or more and in this State, in the impoverished con-They are calculated, as they are intended, of the other Justices of the Court be dition of our citizens it is a monstrous tyto injure Governor Vance. We are satis- equally susceptible to the blandishments ranny that the poor should be ground of membership, new Lodges that had refied that that gentleman will never seek to of President Grant? Death, too, might own and overbone of president Grant? Death, too, might own and overbone of president Grant? Death, too, might own and overbone of president Grant? The Right Worthy Grand Sire of the U. S., F. D. Stewart, is in attendance, and holders. to which the representatives of the people held. the private character he enjoys.

No man can prevent the outraged victims in merited oblivion. It will be part plenty of time to spare? It is perhaps a the Order. redress, or stop the law from taking cog- so long as the government lasts. It will get a good berth on the Bench of the Su- some unimportant business, the Grand the Birmingham Borgia, and Mrs. Major Mrs Southworth. Subsequent investiganizance of his criminal acts. We despise outlive all political and civil revolutions. preme Court, but if his services are not Lodge went into secret session, and had Harry W. Wharton, who is the latest sention showed conclusively that the marsuch weak sentimentality that always seeks out the criminal for the exercise of its

The despise of his criminal acts. We despise out its and civil revolutions. It is services are not the unwritten work of the Order exemplised by the people why should we be fied by the R. W. G. Sire of the Grand taxed for his benefit—simply to gratify his laxed for his laxed for his laxed sympathy and forgets the injured victims Convention, but on the other hand their ambition-by glorifying him to our detri- witnessed. of his crimes. Governor Holden has been value to present owners depends upon the ment. punished for a violation of his official calling of the Convention. And why? duties as Chief Executive of the State. The very same section and article of the Judges until 1868 was only eight; under sning year. Thus far so good. But if he has been Constitution which provides for the the new Constitution we administer to the guilty of crimes against the law and indi- Homestead also declares that "No PROPER- self-love and gratification of four addition- will be duly installed to morrow morning viduals, he should also be punished for TY SHALL BE EXEMPT FROM SALE FOR TAXES." al gentlemen of the legal fraternity, by these. Those who were basking in the This same Constitution also declars that paying them twenty five hundred dollars ter. sunshine of his favors are not the proper " The General Assembly SHALL, by appro- each per annum, and giving them a hanpersons to advise others who languished in priate legislation and ADEQUATE TAXATION, dle to their names. While we hazard noth. G. Master. felon's cells, or were tortured with unusu- provide for the PROMPT AND REGULAR ing in saying that, with our old judicial al punishments, either by his direct orders payment of the interest on the public debt." system restored and the code of "uncivil J. J. Litchford, of Raleigh, R. W. G. or by his toleration, as to what course they Now what does this amount to? Under proceeding "abolished, eight Judges could Secretary. should pursue towards their humbled but these two clauses, or what value will our transact our business in the Course clusing in the should pursue towards their humbled but these two clauses, of what value will our transact our business in the Courts equally R. J. Jones, of Wilmington, R. W. G.

Willey D. Jones, and Douglass, with their adequate taxation. arme I mauraders would be quartered upon of the State. We have escaped this fate. lic debt alone. The head and front of these conspirators

Senator Flemming.

in the vindication of the law.

We notice with pleasure that Mr. W. W. FLEMMING, Senator from McDowell county, is announced to address the people of Nash, Halifax, Wilson, Pitt, Martin and Edgecombe, at several points in those counties, extending from the 20th of July to 1st of August. We are not only gratified that the Convention will have so eloquent and earnest a champion, but also that our Western friend shows such interest in this preme Court, advise their party pets, in a section of the State, and the cause for public address, to burn, slay and steal, and which we struggle as to leave, at this sea-Grant, in a public document, inferentially son of the year, the delightful climate of the mountains to canvass in the East.

Mr. FLEMMING is a bold, elequent and ing grace for every criminal! Of such is able speaker. In the last Legislature his first appearance in public life, he took a leading position in the Senate from the outset, and maintained himself throughout the deliberations of that body. His efforts now will, we are sure, be attended with much good.

If more of our public men would follow the example set by Senator FLEMMING and Speaker Jarvis, in canvassing different sections of the State from that in which they live, we are satisfied that much of the silly and unnatural prejudices which specifically some of the reasons why the the Independent Order of Odd Fellows exist to some extent between the people of the East and West would be obliterated. and in its stead would grow up a generous and friendly sympathy.

We would insist that Senator FLEMMING should extend his canvass to this immediate section, if his time was not fully occushall transmit by mail, on or before the pied up to the election. He would receive a warm welcome, and be listened to by large and enthusiastic crowds.

The Homestead,

jeopardize the Homestead. They have not provides for just so many drones or officebut they proclaim that there is danger, the transact the public business. If provision more loudly on this very account. They be made for more of this non-producing Warden. ble, and and commissioners shall at the same deed, these carpet-bag fellows, the most ple, than are absolutely required to keep sources fail. The poor negro is cajoled by the Constitution becomes burdensome. threats of re-enslavement, and the whites | Now the Legislature declares the Con- brothren, at the Yarborough House, which registrar shall also at all times, after his ap- are to be frightened into terms by cries of stitution, in this respect, burdensome. In will probably be an interesting occasion, Now let every candidate for Convenwar and loss of homesteads.

ty in our homesteads limited to four years of these. only? How silly and absurd. Nay, Vance and friends; and that, in return for this probably not four—possibly not one. Jus- nations is, that too many offices are a nui protection, Holden and his friends have obtained | tice Settle has already been allured away | sance-and worse than a nuisance, a fully from his seat upon the bench for a South | -and an evil in the land Among proshdraw their objections, and, in pursuance of American mission. His successor, for all perous nations it is a sore evil to tax the We regret exceedingly that such state. Pearson in his views of the constitutional- vices are not needed by the community. the close of the war.

of North Carolina have elected him, and We deny emphatically any such absurd the people. The Superintendent of Pubwhich he has a right to occupy as a free and ridiculous notions about homesteads, lie Works-a very high sounding name for citizen of the United States. Governor The law is an accepted fact. It finds en- an officer-but what does that signify VANCE will do nothing unbecoming the dorsement in the hearts of the people. It since there are no duties for the incumexalted position he occupies, or unworthy is wise, just, humane. It is founded in bent to perform? There are four Associ-With this preface we are bold to say that it is a settled policy of the American peo- sounds "big" for North Carolina; but to other points each alternate year. no man has the right or power to make such ple. It will survive long after the why have double the number that formera compremise with ex-Governor Holden. present Judges will have been lost ly composed the Court, and who still had Lodges here, attended by the Grand Lodge, of Holden's tyranny from seeking legal and parcel of the Constitution of the State "nice thing" for some aspiring lawyer to

thing of the condition in which he had in round numbers, excluding eleven mil- since. And besides, there are eighty-eight Chaplain.

of the State, and we tremble now in con- twenty millions of dollars. There is now the mark—and God save the people. off at the Yarborough House, an account There were six other children by the sec- ton, had proceeded with him to Philadel. templating what would have been the con- past due upwards of three millions of dollars. Their average incomes throughout the Crand Lodge Roth of the daughters, and the daughters are a like to the daughters. sequences if the people had not cut short as interest. There will be due next Octo- State has been ascertained to be more than his career. Some of the best citizens of ber another year's interest, amounting to four thousand dollars each-three hunthe State would have been tried by courts one million two hundred thousand dollars, dred and fifty-two thousand dollars a year will adjourn. martial and shot; others would this day be making in round numbers four and a half paid by our impoverished people for eightywanderers from home, not daring to re- millions of dollars due on the first of Octo- eight new-fangled Judges, without whom turn. Kirk and Bergen, and Clarke and ber next, which must be promptly paid by we had lived peaceably and happily for a

our people, arresting and punishing twenty five millions of dollars of property public interests. The entire State expenses Holden's political enemies, and from one in this State. Now it will take a tax of ought not to be more than three bundred end of North Carolina to the other his three and one-half per cent., or THIRTY EIVE thousand dollars; but the Probate Judges minions and spies would be scattered, re- DOLLARS ON THE THOUSAND DOLLARS worth the out of the people's pock-ts more than porting for "disloyalty" the best citizens of property to meet the interest on the Pub that amount.

against the peace and lives of the people county, township and school purposes yet Boards of Trustees! There are three to has been found guilty and discharged from to be provided for. These will amount at each township-and 88 counties, averaghim. In the name of the people of the have in 1872 to pay a tax of five per cent. badly paid at less than \$300 per annum. State, we demand that William W. Holden upon the entire property of the State, or They cannot drain from the producers' be remanded to North Carolina, and made FIFTY DOLLARS ON EVERY THOUSAND DOL- pockets less than \$500,000 a year. Here to answer before the bar of justice for the LARS WORTH OF PROPERTY in North Caro- we have, then, in a brief and incomplete crimes with which he stands charged, and lina. The inability of the people to pay statement of some of the unnecessary exif he is guilty let him be punished to the such a tax needs no amplification. It is penses of our magnificent government, near full extent of the law. For one we have just impossible.

Then, in addition, we have the United for offices which were unknown to our no sympathy for the criminal, and no one has any right to "compromise" our share States, city and town taxes, which will old Constitution, and which experience the Yarborough House. When the pro- her winning ways, her dashing, inspiring make the rate of payment still higher, and proves are entirely useles?. render the former still greater.

> for taxes what will they be worth? How and yet the sun would shine as usual, and mer? How much greater danger are they | convulsion of nature would occur. in from the sure and certain rain before lief from the dangers which threaten .- harvests have blessed our industry? This is through a Convention. The Con-

In directing attention to the Convention Act, elsewhere published, we desire to Proceedings of the Grand Lodge 1 O O reiterate arguments we have heretofore adduced in favor of Convention.

The preamble of the Bill sets forth to our oppressed State.

some and oppressive to the citizens; and important business has been brought bethat some of its provisions are not adapted fore the body, and the committees are at to the wants and condition of the people. work upon it. The M. W. Grand Sirs of

and the other the office-holders. Neces The Radical candidates and papers are sarily there must be some office holders to for the ensuing year took place, which ed to a hands mely fitted up parlor, where endeavoring to terrify the timid into the administer the affairs of the people; and resulted as follows: belief that the Convention, if called, will that Constitution is wisely framed which a very definite idea how it is to be done, holders and no more as are required to substitute noise for reason and truth. In- class, who live out of the sweat of the peo arrant cowards themselves, seem to think the government in existence, then is the retary. that our people, white and black, are to be Constitution which creates their offices won through their fears when all other re- oppressive, and if their number be large Chaplain.

the opinion of that body, which represents as many speeches are expected. The only argument advanced by the the views and feelings of the people from Radicals is, that the Convention will turn the seaboard to the mountains, there are Lodge will be prepared to close its session. people, viz: out the present Judges and put others in more offices created by our present Constitheir stead, who will reverse the present tation than are necessary for the proper Raleigh, reserving the privilege of having by a majority of the voters of the State. decision of the Supreme Court in regard administration of public affairs. The men sessions at such points as may appear and you should be elected, will you take then the one in which he is an actual and bona to the homestead. If our people hold filling these superfluous offices must be Order. their homesteads by the frail tenure of paid; they will have a good round sum on the registration books, may be challenged as the official lives of the present Court, or for their services by hook or by crook .the question shall be decided by the inspectors those of the five of them, as Chief Justice | They will draw their salary from the funds of the box and the registrar of the precinct or Pearson dissented and Justice Settle has of the public, and if that be insufficient to already resigned, they are not worth the meet their wants they will resort to "pertrouble of securing. If the opinions mere- quisites" to make up the deficiency. They ly of Justices Rodman, Reade and Dick will live from the people's crib-righteous. had the opportunity to do so before. stand between our homesteads and greedy ly or unrighteously-by means fair or foul. creditors, then are they indeed valueless. They are as the lilies of the field—they o'clock. a. m., in Old Fellow's Hall. Their terms of office, by Constitutional toil not, neither do they spio, yet Soloto-day that they have effected an arrangement limitation, expire in 1876. Is our proper mon, in all his glory, is not arrayed an arrangement limitation, expire in 1876. Is our proper mon, in all his glory, is not arrayed an arrangement limitation, expire in 1876.

In fact the experience of all times, of all we know, may agree with Chief Justice people for the support of men whose ser- attendance than has been before or since

would not stoop to bargain for a position is the tenure by which homesteads are It is requisite that we should enumerate The first day's session was consumed in right-it rests upon a wise public policy- ate Justices of the Supreme Court. That

So, also, the number of Superior Court

century, and whose services can now be There is less than one hundred and dispensed with without detriment to the

And who needs us to recall to his re-But then there is the tax for State, membrance the township officers-the \$1,000,000 annually expended to provide

This amount is paid by us yearly to sub-As Homesteads are not exempt from sale sist men whose offices might be abolished:

Is it any wonder, then, that we should us than from a change of judicial officers. be still impoverished, although we have There is relief, and only one source of re- had years of prosperity, and abundant

Each year that the provisions of our stitution must be amended so that our present Constitution remain in force, this legislators will be relieved from the obli- enormous drain upon our pockets must gation of taxing the people to pay prompt- continue and this part of the profits of ly the interest due and accruing on the our labor must be diverted from the induspublic debt. The Constitution must be trious and surrendered for the subsistence amended so that the expenses of our gov- of burdensome office-holders. No speedy Seaten Gales ernment will be reduced to an amount change can be effected in these matters exwhich our impoverished people can pay. - cept by a Convention. A Convention can-The Constitution must be amended so as not cost more than \$100,000. Is it not to give us a system of government adapt- economy to have a Convention? Let us ed to our wants, our habits and our sym- pay \$100,000 for a Canvention and stop this drain of \$1,000,000 each year.

Shall we have the Convention? Who says no ?

KALEIGH, N. C., July 20th, 1871. Dear Journal:-The Grand Lodge of people, in their sovereign capacity, are met here on Wednesday morning and was thus appealed to for the relief a Con- duly opened by Major Scaton Gales, the 9 o'clock and proceeded to install the ofvention, and only a Convention, can afford Grand Master. Quite a full representation of Lodges was present, and the reports of year. welcome by the brethren.

> W. J. Yopp, of Wilmington, Deputy Grand Master. W. E. Edwards, of Greensborn', Grand

R. J. Jone, of Wilmington, Grand J. J. Litchford, of Raleigh, Grand Sec-

to the Grand Lodge by the Raleigh To-mor: qw the Grand Officers will be ponent by asking the following questions

installed, and by Friday night the Grand on the stump, in the presence of the The Lodge has determined to locate in | 1.t. "If the Convention shall be called hereafter to be for the interest of the your sealing body assembled in pursuance

RALEIGH, N. C., July 20, 1871. Editor Journal :- I would have written to you sconer, but for the fact that my

tives, answered to their names : Seaton Gales, R. W. G. M. J. G. Efland, R. W. D. G. M W. J. Yopp, R. W. G. W. J. W. Gulick, R. W. G. S. J. H. Baker, R. W. G. T. W. L. Smith, G. R. to G L. U. S. There are a larger number of members in

The Grand Master submitted his Annual Report of the labors of the past year, and gave a glowing account of the merease

tees, and the reading of reports.

character, or that would be of interest exa local habitation. After considerable Last evening a mass meeting of the two

At 2 o'clock the Lodge took a recess until 4 o'clock, when it assembled for the purpose of electing its officers for the en-

at 9 o'clock A. M.: J. H. Baker, of Tarboro, R. W. G. Mas-W. J. Yopp, of Wilmington, R. W. D. W. E. Edwards, of Greensboro, R. W. G. Warden.

assembling of the Grand Lodge, in accord- purchasing a lovely place about a mile this lesque marriage, and caused a great deal ance with previous notice from D. D. G. side of Conshohocken, at a spot called of comment. Although of acquaintance Sire. W. L. Smith, a meeting was held Gulf Mills, where, with his family growing there had been considerable between the for the purpose of taking steps to inau up around him, he settled down to pass parties, of courtship there had been little gurate the Grand Encampment of North the closing bours of his life amid the syl- or none, and, furthermore, at the time of following representatives answered to the banks. Of all the colldren his daughter lieutenant knew full well that his lovely call of the Encampment, viz:

W. E. Edwards, Paisley R. R. Watson, Repiton J. G. Efland, Rowan W. H. McKee, McKee

RALEIGH, N. C., July 21st, 1871. fairly groaned under the load of choice acquaintances. viands which had been prepared for the occasion. Soon the clashing of dishes, and many will pass under the Sheriff's ham- the rain would fall in season, and no great the metalic contact of knives and forks, showed that the alimentary contest had enough.

> Then came the toasts and speeches-Grand Master Seaton Gales presiding, who fashionable bazaers of our city than Miss proceeded to read the regular toasts, a few Nugent, whose carriage got to be familiarof which only I can give you. States. Responded to by Grand Sire, T. D. Stewart.

> lina. Responded to by Grand Master contracted by his daughter to the amount

of Cape Fear Lodge. to by P. G. S. Farnsworth.

sponded to by - Page.

soon, the hour of separation arrived. "The thing is past; but memory's go'den light This morning the Grand Lodge met at

After concluding all the business before In it the General Assembly declares the condition of the Order represent it as that body, the Grand Lodge closed sine that the present Constitution is burden- in a very flourishing condition. Much die at 4 o'clock to accept of the invitation extended by Sup riptendent E Grissom to visit in a body the Iusane Asylum. A long live of carriage- which had been sent by the Doctor for the purpose soon con-In all governments the citizens are di- the United States, Fred. D. Stewart, came veyed us to the Asylum, where under the vided into two classes one the people yesterday and was received with a warm guidance of our senial hist and brother Odd Fellow we made the rounds of the To-day the election of Grand Officers Asylum. After awhile we were conduct another surprise a aited u -this time Dr. J. H. Baker, of Tarboro', Grand in a tastefully and acceptable repast, to which all did ample justice.

> Fram the Raleigh Sentinel. Convention or No Convention. The opponents of Convention save :

1-t That the bill submitting to the people the question of Convention or no Convention is unconstitutional and reve-21. That it a Convention is called in the State the present incumbents in office will To-night a grand supper is to be given not sield their positions. 34. that the Federal Government will

interfere by deciding in their favor. tion in every county "bring out" his op-

revolutionary measure?"

'holding over ?' "

From the Philadelphia Telegram, July 15. MRS. WHARTON.

Her Love for Dress_A Wedding and Bridegroom - Runs Away to Avoid an Asylum _A Loving Wife -Is She Insane ?

rily he her only ground of defence. BIRTH AND PARENTAGE.

Ellen G. Nugent was born in this city about 45 years ago. Her father, Geo. Nugent, was a most prominent and successful merchant of the day, doing a large import-

To-morrow afternoon the Grand Ledge, Both of the daughters are married and liv- now, as Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Wharton by invitation of Dr. Griesom, will visit the ing in the city. Mr. Nugent did not re- they were living at Jones' Hotel, on Chest. Insane Asylum, after which the Lodge main long in Philadelphia after the birth nut street, above Sixth, just where the of his daughter Etien, or Nellie. He had office of the German Democrat now been very successful in business, and stands. This was almost as strange and On Wednesday morning previous to the finally concluded to retire, which he did, unaccountable a movement as the bar-Carolina, when, upon a call of the roll the van scenery of our beautiful Schuyikill's the elopement and marriage the voung W. J. Yopp, Campbell Encamp't No 1 tention up n her that money could com- temporary seclu-ion in a mad house But " 10 mand. Especial pains were taken with the ranaway couple had not been long 13 her education, and she spent a considera- frem home until they received a surances " 14 ble time at Bishop Doane's seminary in of forgiveness and returned to the house " 15 Burlington, N. J. And now the real inter- at Guif Mills. They also for a time lived After due conference it was decided to est of our story commences. Nellie has at Norristown, and in Philadelphia again. make application to the next session of grown up under our pencil into beautiful It wasn't long after marriage until Mrs. the Grand Lodge of the United States womanhood, and her mature character is Wharton was in financial difficulties again. office. But this does not lessen his crimes, least to one and a half per cent more, or ing seven townships each, making 1,848 through the D. D. G. Sire for permission beginning to determine itself. The scene which were again settled by her indulgent nor should it create any sympathy for fifteen dollars on the thousand. So we will township officers -who think themselves to resume work as a Grand Encampment. is the Gulf Mills House, and the time is father. about twenty-five years ago. By the universat voice of those who knew her at that time she was certainly a most lovely girl The banquet given last evening at the About twenty years of age, of slender and or seven years. Mrs. Wharton accompa-Yarborough House by Manteo and Seaton graceful yet queenly bearing, with magni- nied him, as indeed she did in all his wan-Gales Lodges, in compliment to the Grand ficent jet black hair of unusual length, dark derings, even going down into Texas with Lodge was a magnificent affair. At 11 eyes and fair complexion—such was her him on one occasion. But while out upon o'clock, P. M., the Grand Lodge, escorted physical beauty. But these who knew her the plains the eyesight of the captain had by the above named Lodges, took up the well say that was the least of her attracline of march from the Lodge Room to tions. It was rather her engaging manner, cession entered the Hall, a most magnifi- disposition that bound captive at the char- street, during such time as the captain was cent sight greeted their vision. The tables lot-wheel of Cupid so many of her male under the hands of an occulist. At the LOVELY WOMAN FOND OF DRESS.

> It was about this time that she began to develop a passion that has ever since been icordinate with her, and that was the devigorously commenced. - but the banquet sire to dress magnificently. Her father day will have an end, and the most capac- spared no expense to gratify her slightest a short time they lived in Washington, this ious stomach must at length cry out, whim, and gave her money enough to was his home up to his mysterious dead cothe a duche s. As a consequence, there in 1867. was no more regular attendant at the then ly known, no doubt, to the salesmen with-1st. The Grand Lodge of the United in. As we have said, her father allowed her to carry the purse of a duchess, and, consequently, the reader can judge of his wife. She was most passionately devoted 21. The Grand Lodge of North Carc- surprise when out-ide bills that had been of thousands of dollars were sent in to him 3d. Cape Fear Lodge, No. 2. The old. for settlement, and all this running into est Lodge in the State. Re-ponded to by debt had taken place in a comparatively P. G. M. Andrews, the 1st Noble Grand short time, and without the slightest premonitory intelligence. Where had the 4th. Our Germanic Mission. Responded money gone? Hardly upon herself, since, although always elegantly attired in obe 5:h. Seaton Gales Lodge. No. 64. The dience to fashion's latest mandate, this County Convention to be held at Rocking. yourgest Lodge in North Carolina. Be- debt excess was too absurdly large to be ham. answered for on the ground of personal There were other leasts and sentiments, expendition. But a little investigation but as I did not have an opportunitity of showed. It was found that this money taking notes, they have escaped my recol. had been expended for laces, sitks, jewel- requested to act as Secretary of the meetlection. Such a "feast of reeson and flow ry, &c., which were lavished with an imof soul" are rarely enjoyed. Soon, too perial hand as presents upon her young friends. This was certainly a little eccentric, an I quite enough to cause the eyebrow to raise. Beautiful young ladies do tions, also to recommend delegates to the not generally run their tathers into debt simply to give away indiscriminately cost ficers previously elected for the ensuing ly gifts. But something more strange was yet to come. The debts were paid by the father, and the current of events drifted man, John D. Currie, Esq., submitted a along towards the most remarkabe feature of this remarkable woman's life.

As we have intimated, and as may naturally be supposed, Miss Nellie was the brilthe best class in that vicinity. So that tion, which, after a fair trial, had been found when, shortly after, each and all of them totally inconsistent with their best received an invitation to the marriage of interests, pledging a hearty supthat young lady you may be sure it created port to some little stir of excitement. In the first County Convention, also denouncing all place it was so entirely unexpected that it secret political societies, such as Ku Klux almost took away the people's breath, and union League organizations, declaring secon lly, what caused the most surprice no disposition on our part to abridge or was that the happy man had not been se- interfere with the rights and privileges of gallants of wealth and position who con- an earnest desire for the forgetfpiness of stantly surrounded her, but was a Mr. the bitterness of feeling engendered by Williamson, of the city, who was but a sectional strife, and a return of peace and casual visitor, and whose matrimonial at- prosperity to all. tentions had not been suspected in the least. It appears, also, that he had been so indiscreet and impolite as not even to Hargrave and Mesers. Eli Gibson, George have spoken to Mr. Nugent about it, and T. Pate, James P. Smith and L. J. Kelly. knowing the character of that old-time gentleman, we are somewhat surprised that the marriage was allowed to go on did we not also know that whatever his daughter Nellie had set her heart upon accomplishing she could most certainly do, especially where the father's consent was only to be gained. A WEDDING FEAST BUT NO BRIDEGROOM.

rolled round, and all the invited guests as sembled at the Nugent mansion to witness the marriage of the beauty. Great prepaof, what you call, an unconstitutional and rations had been made for the event. Mr. Nugent was determined that the daughter 21. "If a Convention shall be called, are who was queen of his heart should be you in favor of the present office-holders mated in a regal manner. Never had the young girl looked so lovely as did the bride. 31. "If a Convention shall be called, are reased in her satin and lace, with her at- lished. you in favor of the Federal Government tendant maids about her, and waiting, time has been so occupied that I have not interfering to defeat the will of the people with the love-light in her eyes, for the as expressed at the ballot-box, provided happy groom. It was now nearly the hour The Grand Lodge of North Carolina nothing be done in opposition to the Con- for the ceremony, and still he had not convened on yesterday, the 19th, at pine stitution and laws of the United States?" come. "Where is Mr. Williamson?" and If they answer the first question in the "Why don't he come?" were now fre-Upon the call of the roll the following affirmative it shows either that they are quently asked by those who were present. corrupt. If they answer the scoond and have been tied struck with a dismal clang third in the affirmative, then they are in and yet no bridegroom. The minister was long faced on account of the drought, exfavor of trampling upon, and treating the there with book and gown, the guests were pecting the next year to succumb to their people as dogs, and of making the people there, the beautiful bride was there, and suppliant tools of the General Government, everything was waiting for the appearance Bring them out, make them show their of the tardy gentleman from the city. The father's brow began to darken, and the and have everything as neat and tidy, as bride's cheeks to pale. Another dismal only their angelic minds are capable of hour wore away, and its death-knell was LEAF FROM THE PRIVATE LIFE OF toiled by the clock, and still no groom. Another hour and still no groom. "Possi bly he may have met with an accident ; let messengers be tent." And messengers the gloom that had gathered over them. were sent in haste, while the guests sat in The day before the dining, a refreshing, silence, and the bride, now thoroughly convinced that her lover was false, raved and sobbed like one mad. The minutes all-what a blessing! Vegetation took on For women this is certainly the age of flew away on wings of lead until the a new growth, the air was refreshing, and It is requisite that we should enumerate some of these offices which are a burden to the interest of the meeting.

The first day's session was consumed in on every hand leaving the hearthstone and bringing with them Mr. Williamson, or had dawned upon them. They were all storming the intrenched positions of male announcing at once some reasonable cause No business was transacted of a public humanity. They have carried the rostrum for his non appearance, beckoned the fathand pulpit by force, and are now thunder- er mysteriously apart, and whispered in cept that at the recommendation of the ing at the portals of the franchice. But in his ear. The news could not be kept Grand Master, the Grand Lodge was given a graver and decidedly a tragic sense we secret, and in a moment it was known. find them latterly entering into compe- Mr. Williamson had not contracted the legislation, it was decided to locate it at tition with man. We allude to the mimoon marriage, and knew nothing about it. Raleigh, with the privilege of removing it or tidal wave of murder that has but lately Slowly and sadly, as if from a funeral, the swept acress our continent, and has left at guests departed, glancing askantly at the this very moment three prominent women, bride, who tat weeping before them, and with blood up n their hands, stranded shaking their heads significantly. This was held, which was very interesting to upon the beach of justice. We allude, of was certainly the maddest freak that it is course, to Mrs. Laura D. Fair, the Cali- possible for a young lady to commit, and This morning, after the transaction of fornia murderess, Mrs. Lydia Sherman, the incident reads like a chapter from the public some facts that are not known, consideration, it is not strange that people facts culled by laborious search in private now began to speak mysteriously about avenues of information, and which, com- the young lady, and to intimate forcibly there; the nicest and most select crowd I've bined, contain to a certain extent the that something was wrong in her head.—
private life of Mrs. Wharton, and throw a This bitter suspicion began now to shape The following are the officers elect, who great light upon what will most necessa- itself into the solemnity of a fact in the mind of Mr. Nugent, and after careful pondering of the matter, it was resolved to have Neilie removed to an asylum for the insane. A RUNAWAY MATCH. As a key to subsequent events, it is to thanks to Mr. McLendon for our rare en-

ing business of fine goods, silks, &c. In be presumed that she knew the intentions joyment. character he was strictly upright and hon- of her family at the time. It wanted but crable, thiving, as it were, by a set rule of a day or two of the execution of the asyfirmness and justice to all. His daughter, ium project, when one morning it was it must be his fault and not the ladics', for Ellen, was by his second wife, he having found that the beautiful bird had flown in none of them could help wishing that day been previously married to a Cuban wo- the night from the paternal nest. But in they were the mistress of such an enterman, by whom he had two children, both a very little while the father received in tainment. Suffice it to say it did credit placed life and property in certain portions lions of dollars of "Special Tax Bonds," is Probate Judges in the State! God save To-night the grand Banquet is to come and prosperous member of our community, with young Lieutenant Harry W. Whar- outdid himself, boys, one of whom is now a respectable telligence that his daughter had eloped to the name of bachelor. Mr. McLendon

Nellie was his idol. He lavished every at- bride was intended by her friends for a

A LOVING WIFE.

After this her husband, who was captain now, was stationed at Fort Kearny for five become defective, and he and his wife returned to Philadelphia again. They put up at Glass & Co.'s Hotel, on Chestnut breaking out of the war the captain got a commission in a Delaware regiment, and eventually was appointed general disburs. ing agent, having his headquarters in Enlaw street, Baltimore, right near his house in Hamilton place. With the exception of

Such are some of the salient points and bold outlines in the career of this most remarkable woman. Notwith taiding the growing suspicion that she poisoned her husband and son, it is the universal testimony that never was there a more loving to bim, and followed bim everywhere,

Meeting in michim and County

A large and enthusiastic meeting of the citizens of Williamson's township, in the county of Richmond, was held at Old Hundred, on Saturday 15th inst., for the purpose of appointing delegates to attend the On motion, Col. J. C. Davis was called

to the Chair, and John T. McNair, E.q.

On motion, a committee of nine was appointed by the Chairman to draft resolu-County Convention, and to suggest candidates for the several township offices. The committee, through their Chair-

series of resolutions, stating that a Convention of the people of North Carolina was imperatively demanded by the people, liant centre of a large circle of people of in order to amend the present Constituthe nominee of the lected from the large number of country the colored people; and finally expressing

> The committee recommended as dele gates to the County Convention Col. Jesse For Township Commissioners-John A. Renno and James P. Smith.

> For Clerk of the Board of Commission ers-John F. McNair. For Constable-L. Norton. For School Committee-M. D. McNeill,

Wm. P. Gibson, L. J. Oliver. The report of the committee was adopted Well, at length the auspicious hour Able and convincing speeches were made

by Col. Davis and James P. Smith, Esq. in favor of Convention. On motion, the Chairman and Secretary were added to the list of delegates.

On further motion, the Secretary was directed to forward a copy of the proceedings of the meeting to the Wilmington Journal, with a request that they be pub-JOHN F. MCNAIR, Secretary.

Good Time at Rocky Point. ROCKY POINT, July 17, 1871.

Dear Journal :- In the busy season of the year, when every one is strained to the highest pitch to finish his crop, and when, as it was about two weeks ago, all were fate, comes an invitation to a diningwhere? At a house where ladies control, having? No-but at an old bachelors. where nobody expected much, every one seemed bent on going, in order to dispel seasonable and attractive rain visited 115 then more tuan ever anxious to go to the dining, for they then feet they could enjoy themselves, and those that are so hide bound as to oppose all sources of amusement, seemed to wish success to the par y, as it seemed to have some kind of attraction for rain.

Thursday morning, July 13th, will never be forgotten by the people of Rocky Point. How agreeably disappointed we all were when we drove up to Mr. E. C. McLenden's, our old bachelor host, and found erected a platform of about twenty feet square in his elegant grove, with a splendid band of music discoursing some elegant and rare pieces. Your correspondent was a little late that day on account of some professional duties, and when he got there a sett was on the platform, maneuvering in the regular Ball style. The ever seen assembled on Rocky Point. About 3 p. m. dinner was announcednow, sir, imagine, if you can, a better

dinner. Every one left the table with the one conviction, that it could not be ex-Dancing was resumed and kept up 'till Sol made his exit, then all left with hearty